

Abstract of the Disclosure

An Internet subscription service provides remote controllability to a subscriber for systems and appliances at the subscriber's home or business. Control units built-into or connected to each system and appliance to be controlled have each a microcontroller, system memory, I/O and wiring interface to the systems and appliances, and an RF section for communication with a base station at the home or business. The base station is Internet-access capable and has an RF section to communicate with the control units. A subscriber can monitor and control the home or business systems and appliances from any Internet-capable device in any location. Functions entered in a web page interface by a subscriber are sent to the appropriate base station and thence to the appropriate control unit. In a further embodiment a subscriber can create a virtual system, then purchase parts through the service and rely on the service to provide installation and debugging aid, after which the newly-installed system may be accessed through the Internet.